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SUBJ: US EMPLOYER STATEMENT AT FINAL SESSION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR
CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT BY CHARLES SMITH, U.S. EMPLOYER
DELEGATE, TO JUNE 22 PLENARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. SMITH (EMPLOYERS' DELEGATE, UNITED STATES)
THE UNITED STATES EMPLOYERS' DELEGAION CAME TO
GENEVA AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH WITH HIGH
HOPES THAT THE 63RD SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOUR CONFERENCE COULD DEMONSTRATE THAT REAL
PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE TOWARDS FULFILLING THE PRIN-
CIPLES THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED BY THE UNITED STATES
AS BEING VITAL TO THIS ORGANIZATION, PRINCIPLES THAT ARE
SHARED BY THE EMPLOYERS OF THE UNITED STATES. UN-
FORTUNATELY, THE MAJORITY OF THE DEELGATES, BY THEIR
VOTE OR, RATHER, BY THEIR ABSTENTION, HAVE INDICATED
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THAT THE PROGRESS WE EXPECTED WAS NOT TO BE ACHIEVED
AT THIS CONFERENCE. WE ARE ACCUSTOMED IN MY COUNTRY
TO ACCEPTING THE DECISION OF A MAJORITY, AS WE DO HERE,
BUT I MUST MAKE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT WE DO NOT
APPROVE OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE COMMITTEE
ON STRUCTURE, OR PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER WORDED IF
I SAID WE DO NOT APPROVE OF THE FAILURE OF THE COM-

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MITTEE ON STRUCTURE TO MAKE THE SLIGHTEST PROGRESS
TOWARDS SOLVING THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE LITERALLY TEARING
THIS ORGANIZATION ASUNDER. IF EVER THERE WAS A CLEAR
INDICATION OF THE NEED TO ELIMINATE THE MAXIMUM
DEGREE POSSIBLE FROM THE WORK OF THIS ORGANIZATION
POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, THIS 1977 SESSION OF THE CON-
FERENCE IS AN EXAMPLE.

HOW MANY MORE YEARS MUST WE GO ON TEARING OUR-
SELVES APART WHEN THE REAL TASK OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS
TO LOOK AFTER THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF
THE WORLD? SINCE WE DO NOT APPROVE OF THE WORK,
OR THE LACK OF WORK, OF THE COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE,
WE CANNOT APPROVE OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.
I DEEPLY REGRET THAT THE ONLY REPORT I CAN MAKE TO MY
FELLOW CITIZENS WHEN I RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES
IS - NO PROGRESS, NO PROGRESS TOWARDS THE PRINCIPLES
THAT WE HOLD DEAR, TOWARDS THE PRINCIPLES THAT ONCE
MADE THIS SUCH A GREAT ORGANIZATION. IN FACT, AS WE ALL
KNOW, THERE HAS BEEN RETROGRESSION. PROGRESS WAS NOT
ACHIEVED; WE WENT BACKWARDS. THIS, TO ME, IS A VERY
SAD MOMENT. I WISH IT HAD NOT OCCURRED. END TEXT.

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